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Oct. 4-1901



REPORTS

OF THE

AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF GILMANTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1865.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts, orders and vouchers presented to us by the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the following to be the result:

We find the Treasurer has paid the following sums by order of the Selectmen:

Paid Outstanding Orders.

S. Langley for interest on town orders,	\$36 00
D. B. Bradford, town order and interest,	43 60
C. W. Dow, " " "	199 50
P. D. Perkins, " " "	228 00
J. S. Osborn, " " "	580 25
J. M. Gilman, " " "	505 14
J. M. Gilman, " " "	537 87
J. M. Gilman, " " "	205 00
H. B. Kimball, " " "	603 40
J. Chamberlain, Jr., " "	319 25
Geo. M. Dudley, town order and interest,	100 83
T. G. Potter, " " "	154 32
S. Goodwin, " " "	606 00
S. Goodwin, " " "	170 41
M. A. Quimby, " " "	190 14
M. A. Quimby, " " "	121 82
S. D. Nutter, " " "	225 00
Wm. N. Swain, " " "	151 12
Rice Gilman, " " "	102 33
T. B. Burns, " " "	50 92
S. R. Shepard, " " "	100 00
A. N. Clough, " " "	54 75
A. N. Clough, part pay on note,	20 00
E. C. Berry, for town order and interest,	304 70
E. C. Berry, " " "	1,421 92
N. Varney, for two orders and interest,	220 00
E. S. Gilman, " " "	271 16
B. F. Chesley, pay on order,	70 00
J. F. Chesley, interest,	12 00
O. C. Coffin, town order and interest,	204 00
C. D. Cate, part pay on town order,	827 28
Wm. H. Drew, part pay on town order,	135 00

J. P. Hill, town order and interest,	145 55
J. P. Hill, interest,	105 33
C. D. Cate, town order and interest,	303 00
A. R. Price, " " "	313 00
E. Hill, " " "	102 00
D. B. S. Adams, " "	205 60
L. G. Lougee, interest,	23 49
Wm. H. Perkins, town order and interest,	220 37
W. P. York, " " "	224 25
N. S. Gilman, interest,	3 00
J. L. Kelley, town order and interest,	108 38
M. A. Quimby, " " "	105 57
H. P. Sweat, " " "	69 19
J. G. Piper, " " "	201 50
J. C. F. Ellis, " " "	1.407 00
J. P. Greeley, " " "	40 60
J. C. Baker, " " "	256 47
W. C. York, bal. " " "	63 65
A. T. Page, for three orders "	320 46
Thomas Cogswell, town order and interest,	206 50
Thos. Cogswell, for interest,	51 00
J. W. Cogswell, " "	15 00
Thos. Cogswell, Jr., for interest,	12 00
R. W. Page, for town order and interest,	75 83
C. H. Lougee, part pay on town order,	115 00
Ira Shannon, for town order and interest,	115 65
A. Mack, " " "	300 65
I. W. Garland, " " "	305 80
Jno. French, " " "	50 00
L. B. York, " " "	26 27
Exelia S. Tilton, part pay on order,	150 00
J. F. Twombly, " " "	30 00
O. G. Kimball, part pay on order and interest,	50 00
P. Dudley, part pay on order,	50 00
R. J. Varney, town order and interest,	84 58
Geo. C. Parsons, part pay on order,	25 00
C. H. Gilman, order and interest,	102 70
B. H. Foss, " "	73 57
I. D. Edgerly, interest,	7 25
J. P. Eaton, order and interest,	223 66
Selectmen, paid balance on J. M. Gilman's order,	1 89
F. P. Emerson, part pay on order,	150 00
L. B. French, order and interest,	66 76
L. B. French, " " "	77 25
Thomas. Adams, one year's interest on parsonage fund,	7 91
J. S. Goodwin, interest,	6 00
Ira Shannon, interest on order,	62 87

J. S. Kelley, order and interest,	112 00
Samuel E. Eveleth, town order and interest,	304 25
J. Watson, " " "	213 69
N. C. Page, " " "	315 00
F. I. Bradford, " " "	106 15
M. P. Page, eight orders and interest,	3.663 82
Congregational Church, interest,	6 00
D. Sargent, interest,	3 00
A. L. Edgerly, part pay on order,	50 00
J. T. Coffin, order and interest,	142 36
R. W. Page, " "	112 36
Selectmen, paid outstanding claims,	84 35
Thomas Adams, " "	22 80
O. G. Kimball, paid town order,	100 00
Thomas Adams, paid town order and interest,	68 90
M. K. Eveleth, interest on order,	10 50
Ira Shannon, balance on order,	31 30
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	\$20.880 74

Paid for Roads and Bridges.

Jno. French, for damage to plow in 1863,	4 00
A. T. Edgerly, bridge plank,	2 87
James Leighton, labor,	1 00
J. L. Kelley, bridge plank and stringer, (1863,)	5 10
J. D. Merrill, labor, (1863,)	4 00
A. C. Lougee, " "	1 88
W. H. Gilman, " "	7 50
J. S. Goodwin, " "	2 50
I. Buswell, " "	20 25
David Hatch, bridge plank,	4 38
Dudley Allen, stone for culvert,	1 44
Rice Gilman, bridge plank,	14 00
S. Clough, " "	1 92
Nath'l Paige, cash and labor,	3 50
George W. Foss, guide-board,	5 00
G. H. Seward, plank and labor,	10 50
C. E. Plummer, labor and cash in 1863,	6 00
L. G. Lougee, labor,	8 00
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	\$103 84

Paid for Poor off Town Farm.

C. A. Hatch, for goods for Betsey Young,	\$5 00
C. A. Hatch, for goods for Betsey Young,	13 50
C. A. Dockham, for goods for A. Lamprey,	15 21

C. A. Hatch, for goods for C. Lamprey,	2 00
I. W. Garland, for goods for C. Lamprey,	15 00
A. Page, for goods for Wm. Page,	15 00
J. S. Shannon, for wood for A. Lamprey,	3 00
C. A. Hackett, for aid for L. Hutchinson,	23 00
H. W. Peaslee, " "	11 60
L. H. Mudgett, " "	12 60
L. H. Mudgett, " "	25 00
L. H. Mudgett, " C. H. Lougee,	4 00
R. W. Page, " Julia Danforth,	2 00
R. D. Tebbetts, goods for Betsey Young,	8 00
James Leighton, wood for Asa Lamprey,	7 00
R. D. Tebbetts, goods, "	26 17
Asa Paige, for Wm. Paige,	24 00
Dockham & Marsh, goods for Asa Lamprey,	17 61
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	\$229 69

Paid for Poor in other Towns chargeable to this.

Town of Farmington, for Mary J. Lougee and family,	\$300 00
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Paid for Poor chargeable to other Towns.

Geo. Montgomery, medical aid for Susan Flanders,	\$6 25
" " Ezekiel Flanders,	5 00
R. W. Page, clothing for, "	10 40
C. A. Dockham, aid for Susan Flanders,	12 58
" " "	27 35
" " Mrs. C. Drew,	89 28
J. T. Jewell, aid for C. Pierce,	2 66
N. Wight, medical aid for C. Pierce family,	25 50
F. P. Emerson, board of Adelaide Emerson, (1863,)	5 71
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	\$184 73

Paid for Poor chargeable to County.

L. H. Mudgett, for aid for C. Pierce,	\$8 28
I. S. French, for medical aid for Nat Robinson's child,	1 66
J. French, for box for, " " "	1 25
aid for Sarah Rollins,	14 18
J. R. Clifford, for board, "	9 50
I. S. French, for medical aid for J. M. Clifford's family,	1 16
N. Wight, " " D. Downs, S. Rollins,	
J. M. Clifford, Paul Twombly and Nat Robinson's families,	21 50

C. S. P. Sanderson, for robe for Heath child,	1 98
I. S. Morgan, for coffin, "	3 50
C. S. P. Sanderson, for robe cloth for Paul Twombly's child,	2 00
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	\$65 01

Paid for Poor on Town Farm.

Orrin Folsom, clover seed,	\$4 40
S. A. Arnold, balance of services in 1863,	60 00
George L. Mead, tobacco,	7 50
G. Lougee, labor,	3 00
E. E. Merrill, potatoes,	1 50
C. Varney, wool,	2 97
C. Pierce, labor,	8 90
L. H. Mudgett, goods,	28 00
S. Clough, two pigs,	5 50
C. A. Hatch, goods,	11 00
L. H. Mudgett, goods,	50 99
C. Pierce, labor,	1 68
I. S. Morgan, coffin and potatoes,	14 54
R. H. & J. A. Jones, sawing,	4 59
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	\$204 57

Paid Abatement of Taxes.

J. S. Page, 1863,	\$14 24
A. C. Lougee, poll tax 1863,	2 31
D. S. Glidden, dog tax 1863,	1 00
J. Lougee, 2d, abatement 1863,	29 22
J. S. Beck, over tax 1864,	61
C. E. Plummer, abatement 1859,	29 45
J. S. T. Rollins, dog tax 1863,	1 00
S. S. Moody, abatement 1863,	76
William N. Swain, on colt,	48
M. Flanders, over tax 1863,	1 00
J. C. Osborn, poll tax 1863,	2 31
J. Young, over tax,	5 27
M. Lougee, dog tax,	1 00
J. S. Trickey, abatement 1861,	8 47
J. S. Trickey, abatement 1862,	15 40
William Buzzell, abatement,	44
C. H. Gilman, abatement 1863,	16 26
C. E. Plummer, abatement 1859,	15 69
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	\$144 91

A. Mack, balance repairs on school house,	2 43
Geo. Montgomery, medical aid,	50 00
The several school districts,	1.210 97
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	\$5.238 13

Paid Town Officers.

J. W. Clough, for balance of services in 1863,	\$7 50
J. S. Goodwin, expenses to Portsmouth,	10 05
J. W. Clough, services in town, (in part,)	25 00
J. S. Goodwin, " " "	20 00
expenses out of town,	43 60
services in town, (in part,)	15 00
services and exp. out of town,	17 00
J. W. Clough, " " " 1863,	39 44
expenses at Concord and Portsmouth,	62 94
J. S. Page, constable fee,	1 00
collecting tax 1863,	30 00
L. W. Sanborn, services as town Clerk 1863,	27 87
R. J. Varney, balance of services 1863,	10 50
J. Lougee, 2d, collecting taxes 1863,	27 84
J. S. Trickey, " " 1862,	13 77
J. W. Clough, services in town 1864,	46 53
" out of town 1864,	16 82
" to Concord and Portsmouth,	53 50
C. H. Gilman, collecting taxes and constable fees 1863,	25 00
A. H. Hatch, Supt. School Committee,	75 70
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	\$569 06

Paid Bounties to Volunteers.

Selectmen for bounties paid out agreeably to a vote of the town passed Aug. 13, 1864, for 21 men,	\$6.300 00
Also, State bounties for 21 men,	6.300 00
Also, agreeably to the above vote it being for town bounties for ten men, and State assignment for six men,	4.800 00
Selectmen for bounties paid out,	1.050 00

It being for bounties as follows :

Dudley S. Piper,	100 00	Wm. H. Adams,	50 00
Geo. A. Gale,	50 00	J. F. Twombly,	50 00
E. G. Berry,	100 00	J. C. F. Ellis,	100 00
M. S. Price,	200 00	J. O. Davis,	400 00

Selectmen, for bounties paid out agreeably to a vote of the town passed March 29, 1864, as follows:

Ezra Ham, A. Page and Albert F. Page,		600 00
J. G. Lovering,	200 00	G. W. Dicy, 200 00
D. W. Dolly,	200 00	M. Sherman, 200 00
A. Rogers,	200 00	J. L. Marsh, 200 00
L. B. French,	200 00	C. E. Hurd, 200 00
O. G. Sowards,	200 00	W. Ball, 200 00
S. N. Leavitt,	200 00	2.200 00
Interest on L. B. French's order,		3 70
E. E. Maxfield,	100 00	
T. Adams,	1.025 00	
Geo. C. Allen,	100 00	1.225 00
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		\$22.478 70

THOMAS ADAMS, TREASURER, *in account with the town of*
Gilmanton, March, 2, 1865, Dr.

To balance on settlement, Feb. 25, 1864,	\$1.593 35
Railroad money received of State,	64 15
Cash rec'd of State for government bounties assigned,	744 00
G. W. Weeks, support of his father,	15 00
R. J. Varney,	1 00
hired of L. B. French,	65 00
rec'd of State for government bounties assigned,	304 00
" "	60 00
County,	185 64
Cash hired of T. S. Dudley,	200 00
O. Folsom,	150 00
J. S. Goodwin,	100 00
H. S. Goodwin,	50 00
M. J. Page,	350 00
S. J. Coffin,	200 00
George H. Potter,	100 00
Stephen Gale,	100 00
H. Page,	50 00
Thomas Cogswell, Jr.,	500 00
E. Hill,	100 00
E. E. Merrill,	80 00
N. S. Gale,	100 00
D. O. Williams,	100 00
Betsey Gilman,	33 00
M. B. Gale,	100 00

Received of the town of Dunbarton,	39 92
G. W. Weeks, support of D. J. Weeks,	13 00
Cash hired of S. J. Gale,	200 00
Julia A. Leighton,	175 00
M. P. Page,	200 00
rec'd of E. A. Drew,	15 00
town of Alton,	62 00
Cash hired of Moses A. Quimby,	120 00
Judith Price,	60 00
Received Literary money of State,	148 68
of Geo. W. Weeks,	13 00
Money hired of S. H. Marsh,	65 00
Money received of town of Wolfborough,	80 07
Amount of taxes committed J. S. Page, for collection,	2.841 65
J. W. Page, “	2.709 43
J. Lougee, 2nd,	3.165 49
Money hired of M. P. Page,	200 00
M. A. Mudgett,	100 00
R. W. Page,	190 00
N. Young,	300 00
T. J. Gale,	300 00
D. O. Williams,	100 00
J. M. Gilman,	200 00
I. W. Garland,	300 00
S. J. Gale,	300 00
J. Clough, (Loudon.)	224 25
Money received of State for government bounties assigned,	40 00
Money hired of Mrs. D. B. Bradford,	16 00
Cyrus Gilman,	100 00
M. A. B. Sawyer,	100 00
J. P. Hill,	136 00
to pay outstanding claims,	270 46
C. S. Page,	100 00
to pay outstanding claims,	102 00
A. T. Page, to pay outstanding claims,	320 46
to pay outstanding claims,	417 53
J. Lougee, 2nd,	128 00
Cash rec'd of government for bounties assigned,	60 00
Cash hired to pay bounties to substitutes,	12.600 00
of S. Piper, to pay outstanding claims,	1.100 00
I. G. Piper, “ “	200 00
J. C. F. Ellis,	107 00
Cash rec'd of G. W. Weeks, board of his father,	13 00
Cash hired of N. Folsom,	50 00
M. A. Quimby,	30 00
E. G. Edgerley,	50 00
M. F. Nelson,	600 00

Cash hired of A. C. Hurd,	70 00
to pay outstanding claims,	150 00
Cash rec'd of State, it being for 17 one year's bounty assigned,	700 00
Cash hired to pay bounties,	4.100 00
volunteers,	1.050 00
"	150 00
Cash received of State, it being aid money,	659 63
Cash hired to pay outstanding claims,	115 00
do. do.	55 00
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do. do.	505 14
Cash received of Geo. W. Weeks, for board,	13 00
Cash hired to pay outstanding claims,	499 00
do. do.	580 25
Cash received of S. A. Arnold, for stock sold,	40 00
hired to pay outstanding claims,	2.180 37
aid families of volunteers,	240 00
received of State, aid to volunteers,	2.600 00
do. do.	200 00
do. do.	100 00
hired to pay outstanding claims,	206 50
do. do.	200 00
Exelia S. Tilton,	25 00
to pay outstanding claims,	256 47
do.	450 00
do.	200 00
do.	60 00
of Cyrus Gilman, outstanding claims,	100 40
to aid families of volunteers,	48 00
pay outstanding claims,	560 05
do.	4.000 00
received of State Treas. R. R., tax,	42 75
hired to pay outstanding claims,	50 00
bounties,	25 00
hired to aid families of volunteers,	125 00
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	\$56.464 66
CR. by paid outstanding orders,	20.880 74
for roads and bridges,	103 84
poor off town farm,	229 69
in other towns chargeable to this,	300 00
chargeable to other towns,	184 73
the county,	65 01
on town farm,	204 57
abatement of taxes,	144 91
families of volunteers,	2.469 00

current expenses,	5.238 13
town officers,	569 06
bounties for volunteers,	22.478 78
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	52.868 46
Balance in hands of collectors and cash on hand,	3.596 20
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	\$56.464 66

Settled as above,

THOMAS ADAMS, *Treasurer.*

JOSIAH S. GOODWIN, } *Selectmen*
 JONA. W. CLOUGH, } *of*
 CYRUS GILMAN, } *Gilmanton.*

March 2, 1865. The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of \$3.596 20

TYLER S. TILTON, }
 R. J. VARNEY, } *Auditors.*
 NATH'L S. GALE, }

Funds of the Town.

Parsonage fund,	\$417 81
Literary fund,	148 68

We find the town indebted to funds as follows :

Parsonage fund,	\$131 96
Literary fund,	148 68

All of which is respectfully submitted,

TYLER S. TILTON, }
 R. J. VARNEY, } *Auditors.*
 NATH'L S. GALE, }

We find the town indebted March 2, 1865, for outstanding orders, as follows :

F. M. D. Ayers,	\$125 00	L. E. Page,	100 00
D. Hatch,	250 00	F. S. Pitman,	1.000 00
B. O. Copp,	160 00	M. H. Mudgett,	200 00
J. P. Hill,	150 00	A. Stevens,	175 00
J. P. Hill,	500 00	S. Potter,	200 00
J. P. Hill,	50 00	T. G. Potter,	100 00
J. W. Cogswell,	150 00	S. S. Young,	100 00
T. S. Dudley,	509 50	M. A. Lougee,	100 00
M. K. Eveleth,	100 00	J. Price,	100 00
A. Mack,	94 11	S. Gale,	200 00
J. W. Cogswell,	150 00	C. O. Stockbridge,	162 66
Thos. Cogswell,	100 00	A. H. Hatch, 2 orders,	69 33
Geo. H. Potter,	100 00	R. J. Varney,	103 45
J. S. Kelley, balance,	88 00	R. J. Varney,	62 40
A. Foss, trustee,	33 00	S. A. Arnold,	120 00
S. Potter,	100 00	O. Folsom, 2 orders,	350 00
T. S. Dudley,	100 00	T. S. Dudley,	200 00
M. D. Page,	60 00	J. S. Goodwin,	100 00
J. P. Hill,	80 00	H. S. Goodwin,	50 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00	M. J. Page,	350 00
C. H. Lougee, 2d,	200 00	D. Hatch,	424 67
H. H. Smith,	190 00	S. J. Coffin,	200 00
C. H. Marden,	185 00	H. Page,	50 00
S. J. Gale, 2 orders,	300 00	S. Gale,	100 00
Geo. W. Dow,	125 00	G. H. Potter,	100 00
E. S. Nelson,	240 00	T. Cogswell, Jr.,	500 00
J. L. Kelley,	150 00	M. Gale,	100 00
C. F. Gilman,	79 00	E. E. Merrill,	80 00
J. Price,	65 00	N. S. Gale,	100 00
S. Potter,	400 00	D. O. Williams,	100 00
Lyman S. Carr,	200 00	B. Gilman,	33 00
B. F. S. Burpee,	225 00	S. J. Gale,	200 00
Ira Shannon,	1.200 00	J. A. Leighton,	175 00
D. O. Williams,	200 00	J. S. Goodwin,	100 00
I. A. Hill,	100 00	J. P. Hill,	109 50
C. H. Robie,	150 00	J. Price,	60 00
S. F. Weeks,	90 00	S. H. Marsh,	65 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		M. A. Mudgett,	100 00
Academy,	600 00	R. W. Page,	190 00
A. E. Warner,	200 00	N. Young,	300 00
A. G. Warner,	200 00	T. J. Gale,	300 00
A. Mack,	100 00	D. O. Williams,	100 00
S. Langley, 4 orders,	600 00	M. A. B. Sawyer,	100 00
N. Young,	200 00	C. Gilman,	100 00

M. E. Page,	125 00	D. B. Bradford,	16 00
C. J. Edgerley,	100 00	S. J. Gale,	300 00
J. L. Kelley, (guardian,)	500 00	C. S. Page,	100 00
A. Mack,	100 00	Harrison Patridge,	335 00
J. P. Hill,	100 00	N. Pulsifer,	225 00
T. Cogswell,	200 00	Trustees of Gilmanton	
J. W. Cogswell,	100 00	Academy,	400 00
R. W. Page,	200 00	D. L. Piper,	400 00
J. L. Kelley, (guardian,)	800 00	Wm. H. Adams,	450 00
J. P. Hill,	225 00	Wm. H. Adams,	100 00
H. S. Page,	90 00	H. C. Brown, 2 orders,	1,800 00
E. S. Tilton, balance,	300 00	S. E. Price, " "	400 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00	J. F. Twombly,	450 00
Thos. Cogswell,	100 00	V. C. Sleeper,	1,800 00
A. G. Warner,	100 00	F. P. Emerson,	200 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		D. F. Glidden,	75 00
Academy,	100 00	S. Dudley,	100 00
A. H. Hatch,	105 63	H. E. Morrill,	95 00
I. E. Edgerley,	500 00	A. P. Glidden,	303 00
A. H. Hatch,	300 00	G. M. Glidden,	110 15
D. Hatch,	200 00	Jona. Pickering,	100 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00	J. Hall,	75 00
J. P. Hill,	150 00	C. Varney,	330 00
H. S. Page,	200 00	S. Potter,	100 00
S. Gale,	100 00	R. Edgerly,	75 00
Thos. Cogswell, Jr.,	200 00	F. P. Burroughs,	250 00
C. Varney,	210 00	Jona. Clough,	300 00
F. Ayers,	500 00	J. P. Hill,	136 00
M. K. Eveleth,	75 00	S. R. Clough,	16 75
J. P. Hill,	100 00	F. E. Bunker,	200 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		M. A. B. Sawyer,	100 00
Academy,	500 00	O. C. Coffin,	1,000 00
Ira Shannon,	1,327 95	Geo. Patridge,	500 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		J. J. Young,	50 00
Academy,	100 00	S. J. Gale,	500 00
F. P. Emerson, balance,	100 00	G. C. Parsons,	100 00
G. C. Parsons,	475 00	A. S. Gilman,	1,500 00
Peter Dudley,	100 00	C. H. Lougee,	1,500 00
O. G. Kimball,	50 00	Geo. A. Gale, 2 orders,	550 00
J. F. Twombly,	70 00	J. C. F. Ellis,	300 00
C. H. Lougee,	185 00	S. E. Price, 2 orders,	400 00
Wm. H. Drew,	85 00	M. French, " "	1,800 00
C. D. Cate, balance,	672 72	C. H. French, 3 orders,	1,800 00
B. F. Chesley,	430 00	S. J. Gale,	100 00
A. N. Clough,	41 00	J. J. Young,	75 00
A. L. Edgerly,	100 00	G. W. Ross,	100 00
John Watson,	200 00	L. G. Lougee, 2 orders,	789 54

C. J. Edgerly,	100 00	M. E. French,	50 00
J. P. Hill,	125 00	T. Cogswell, Jr.,	100 00
M. D. Page,	75 00	I. S. Sanborn,	100 00
Chas. Varney,	200 00	C. Varney,	150 00
Ai Paige,	255 00	C. E. Plummer,	100 00
A. M. Jewell,	95 00	J. Price,	65 00
T. J. Gale,	200 00	F. P. Emerson,	100 00
C. H. Marden,	56 00	B. F. Hall,	200 00
L. G. Lougee,	100 00	M. B. Berkley,	50 00
A. Weeks,	45 00	D. G. Berry,	140 00
R. Rowe,	55 00	J. Lougee, 2d,	128 00
F. P. Burroughs,	100 00	J. C. F. Ellis,	107 00
L. C. Goodwin,	100 00	N. Folsom,	50 00
D. O. Williams,	83 00	C. H. Gilman,	40 00
C. Arlin,	100 00	E. G. Edgerly, 2 orders,	150 00
T. B. Burns,	100 00	M. K. Eveleth,	250 00
M. E. Page,	182 00	A. C. Hurd,	70 00
A. T. S. Page,	125 00	F. Cogswell, 2 orders,	600 00
J. K. Woodman,	300 00	O. J. Edgerly, 2 orders,	600 00
M. S. Gale,	150 00	J. T. Coffin,	300 00
J. W. Cogswell,	100 00	S. J. McNeal,	85 00
I. S. Morgan,	135 21	Enos T. Gilman,	9 00
J. S. Goodwin,	50 00	A. T. S. Page,	115 00
T. G. Potter,	100 00	H. Kimball,	1,200 00
J. K. Woodman,	150 00	A. P. Merrill,	250 00
A. Watson,	60 00	H. B. Kimball,	516 00
R. W. Page,	100 00	R. J. Hayward,	125 00
R. Rowe,	100 00	J. T. Coffin,	606 00
N. Gilman,	50 00	A. S. Gilman,	100 00
E. T. Gilman,	150 00	Ezra Ham,	287 00
E. Roberts,	1 100 00	Thos. Cogswell,	300 00
S. L. Greeley,	200 00	C. G. Kelley,	250 00
J. French,	100 00	Titus S. Dudley,	200 00
Ai Page,	200 00	E. A. Sargent,	200 00
E. Emerson,	250 00	I. W. Garland,	300 00
D. O. Williams,	400 00	T. G. Potter,	100 00
D. O. Williams, 2 orders,	200 00	S. Gale,	200 00
L. G. Lougee,	391 48	J. Ellsworth,	50 00
E. N. Durrell,	300 00	M. Weeks,	90 00
S. Gale,	100 00	S. Piper, 3 orders,	1,100 00
F. Ayers,	400 00	B. F. Hall,	200 00
C. Jones,	200 00	C. Edgerly,	260 00
M. A. Mudgett,	500 00	M. A. Quimby,	30 00
T. S. Dudley,	100 00	M. F. Nelson,	600 00
A. G. Warner,	100 00	D. F. Glidden,	100 00
Trustees of Gilmanton		S. N. Winkley,	100 00
Academy,	300 00	S. Goodwin,	600 00

J. H. Stevens,	900 00	H. B. Kimball,	140 00
A. Stevens,	200 00	J. Blake,	50 00
J. F. Chesley,	200 00	C. H. Gilman,	300 00
I. S. Morgan,	500 00	F. Ayers,	24 00
S. L. Greeley,	100 00	F. J. Nelson,	900 00
D. F. Glidden,	100 00	J. Leighton,	115 00
Treas. Cong. Church,		D. B. Merrill,	550 00
I. W.,	100 00	S. J. Coffin,	100 00
P. Dudley,	200 00	C. Varney,	500 00
C. Varney,	120 00	S. Chesley,	200 00
C. H. Gilman,	150 00	E. Shannon,	150 00
M. L. Dowe,	100 00	C. G. Kelley,	200 00
G. F. Libby,	1 00	S. Parsons,	100 00
M. Price,	60 00	H. W. Moses, Jr.,	50 00
J. W. Clough,	53 50	J. S. Goodwin,	100 00
M. Flanders,	450 00	S. J. Gale,	160 00
E. Holbrook,	175 00	H. Chesley,	150 00
C. Varney,	2 22	E. S. Tilton,	25 00
J. K. Dudley,	32 00	E. A. Clough,	200 00
C. Varney, 3 orders,	348 00	C. Varney,	16 35
J. Ellsworth,	75 00	J. A. Jones,	83 95
Dockham & Marsh,		F. Ayers,	61 80
4 orders,	46 82	M. P. Page, 4 orders,	4.000 00
J. Lougee, 2d,	10 25	E. E. Maxfield,	200 00
E. Hutchinson,	25 00	A. L. Edgerly,	100 00
J. Lougee, 2d,	200 00	J. Pickering,	100 00

\$80.432 92

Unsettled bills against the town,

700 00

Interest on the above orders estimated at

3.000 00

\$84.132 92

TYLER S. TILTON,
 RICHARD J. VARNEY, } *Auditors.*
 NATH'L S. GALE,

Balance in hands of collectors and cash on hand,	\$3.596 20
Due from County for support of paupers,	9 51
For poor, chargeable to other towns,	5 71
From Government, for bounties assigned,	4,420 00
From State, " " "	10,500 00
Due from State, for aid to families of volunteers,	2.269 00
Amount of liquors in hands of agents,	194 63
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	\$20.995 05

Leaving the town indebted over means, March 2, 1865, \$63.137 87

TOWN FARM.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Gilmanton report that the town has paid out of the treasury for the use of the town farm during the year commencing Feb. 17, 1863 :

For sawing,		\$4 59
Two coffins and potatoes,		16 05
Hired labor,		13 58
Store bills,		147 22
Services as overseer in 1864,		190 00
Grass seed,		4 40
Pigs,		5 50
Blacksmith,		7 00
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		\$388 33
Received for stock sold,	\$40 00	
support of D. J. Weeks,	54 00	
Due for bark sold,	81 00	
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Making the whole paid out above receipts,		\$213 33

Schedule of Property on Town Farm as appraised by the Selectmen, March 2, 1865.

2 oxen,	\$225 00
6 cows, 250.00, 5 2 year old heifers, 100.00,	350 00
3 yearlings, 45.00, 2 shotes, 30.00,	75 00
6 tons English hay,	180 00
6 tons fresh hay,	60 00
2 bushels wheat, 4.00, 14 bushels corn, 28.00,	32 00
3 bush. beans, 7.50, 1 bush. barley, 2.00,	9 50
2 bush. oats, 1.00, 100 bush. potatoes, 67.00,	68 00
35 bush. carrots, 17.50, 1 bush. turnips, .20,	17 70
1 bush. beets, .50, 20 pounds lard, 5.00,	5 50
25 lbs. cheese, 3.75, 12 lbs. butter, 4.80,	8 55
20 dozen candles, 5.00, 15 lbs. dried apples, 2.50,	7 50
400 lbs. beef, 50.00, 350 lbs. pork, 70.00,	120 00
1 barrel soap, 4.80, 1 barrel cider, 3.00,	7 80
1-4 barrel pickles, 2.00, 1-2 barrel vinegar, 4.00,	6 00
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Whole amounting to,	\$1.172 55

JOSIAH S. GOODWIN, } *Selectmen*
 JONA. W. CLOUGH, } *of*
 CYRUS GILMAN, } *Gilmanton.*

List of Names and Ages of Paupers on Farm, March 2, 1865.

Dudley J. Weeks.....	77
Alvah F. Willey.....	15
Eliza Thompson	55
Mary J. Lougee.....	30
George A. Lougee.....	9
David F. Lougee.....	7
Ellen M. Lougee.....	5
Fred N. Lougee.....	3
Charles Bean, aged 70, died Dec. 20, 1864.	



REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GILMANTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1865.

In compliance with the law, the Superintending School Committee respectfully submits the following report:—

Our schools have been under the care and instruction of twenty-seven different teachers, five males and twenty-two females. The whole number of scholars attending school during the year, is 522. The average attendance in school, 334. The whole length of Summer schools, 122 weeks; average length, 8 5-7 weeks. Whole length of Winter schools, 166 weeks; average length, 9½ weeks. Average length of Summer and Winter schools, 9½ weeks.

The amount of money raised by town tax for the support of schools, is \$1,062.11. Amount of Literary Fund, divided equally among the several schools, \$148.68; amount of appropriation, \$1,210.79. Average amount for each scholar, \$2.32.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term, eight weeks, taught by Miss Ursula A. Woodes, of Barnstead. Amount of school money for the year, \$73.61. Wages of the teacher a month, including board, \$14.80. Number of pupils, 31; average attendance, 25. [For uniformity, and to save space, these items will be reported in the above order.]

Compared with the attainments of a majority of our teachers, those of Miss Woodes justly rank "medium," and she has had more than the average school-room experience.

Mutual good will seemed to have been cultivated by teacher and pupils, and fair advancement was made. Questions in Mental Arithmetic were readily solved, and much improvement was noticed in the reading of the pieces selected by the teacher.

If the school, as a whole, had few extraordinary excellencies, its positive demerits were equally few.

Winter term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Martha E. Osgood, of Loudon. Wages, \$22. Whole number of pupils, 39; average, 33.

The numerous visitors present at the close of this term will corroborate our statement, when we say that the examination was one of unusual interest, and, doubtless, the just criterion by which we may estimate the character and value of the school.

Efficient discipline and instruction, a practical system, with frequent oral training, interspersed with appropriate Scripture recitations and singing, were among its distinguishing features. Yet some were not satisfied with these, even, but sought to injure the school and teacher much, themselves more, by refusing obedience to the teacher's requirements. As an instructress of youth, Miss Osgood certainly excels, and the school was emphatically a success.

In class recitations, the questions should not be asked so nearly in the language of the answers as to suggest them to the pupil, but, on the contrary, they should be so framed as to throw him entirely upon his own resources for proper answers.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term, 8 weeks, taught by Mrs. Olive J. Nutter. School money, \$78.83. Wages, \$13.40. Attendance, 19 ; average, 15.

The teacher labored hard with not the most satisfactory results, yet some progress was made. Her success in teaching could be augmented by the adoption of more system and thoroughness. The school was quiet when visited.

Winter term, 9 weeks, taught by the writer. Wages, \$25.60. Whole number 29 ; average, 23.

Failure, on the part of a majority of the scholars and some of the parents, to rightly estimate the importance of an education, or the labor necessary to acquire it, and a lack of the perseverance and energy of the true scholar, not to say his mental faculties, render an exhibition of rapid progress exceedingly difficult. "Activity and thoroughness" is the motto of the teacher, and he has the consciousness that his efforts were not wholly unattended by success. In Arithmetic, the "one idea" of most of the scholars, the improvement was quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 3.

No summer term. Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Miss Carrie W. Clay, of Upper Gilmanton. School order, \$56.58. Wages, \$19. Number of scholars, 17 ; average, 16.

In no school during the year, was there so marked improvement made in the general deportment of the scholars, as in this ; and in respect to the progress in the various studies pursued, it was second to none ; in reading it was especially good, the essential rules, emphasis, inflection, &c., having been carefully attended to.

Miss Clay is one of the few engaging in the instruction of our common schools, that have given special attention to the theory and practice of teaching. With her it is a profession, which she has studied, until she has become thoroughly competent to discharge its duties. She labors enthusiastically in her schools, and always with the best success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Unfortunately there is no school house in this district, and, we conclude no disposition, or means to build one; consequently there has been no school during the year. School order, unexpended, \$58.94.

DISTRICT No. 5.

First term of 8 weeks, taught by Mrs. L. Amanda Gale. Money, \$78.38. Wages, \$14. Whole number, 25; average, 19. The teacher says: "My school was very pleasant. My scholars, with very few exceptions, were respectful, obedient, and diligent. I labored most assiduously for their benefit, conscientiously discharged my duty, and feel satisfied. My scholars made good improvement, especially in Reading and Intellectual Arithmetic."

In the main we concur in the statements of the teacher, but are of the opinion that the "improvement" was not the most thorough, nor the order a synonym of excellence.

Second term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Nellie Smith of Pittsfield. Wages, \$20. Number of scholars, 26; average, 21. The readiness and activity of the teacher were diffused throughout the school; consequently, the exercises of the closing examination, particularly those in Reading and Grammar, were promptly and correctly performed, affording satisfactory evidence of the faithfulness of the teacher, the interest and studiousness of the scholars, and the success of the term.

DISTRICT No. 6.

First term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Lottie E. Bradford. School order \$64.83. Wages of teacher, \$15. Scholars, 24; average, 18.

While "success" is, happily, the most truthful and expressive term which may be applied to a majority of our schools, some, unfortunately, are best characterized by "failure;" and we regret to say that the latter appellation is most appropriate for this school, though we could not prefix the word total, since it was evident that some improvement was made, and that the order was not particularly exceptionable. When we contemplate the results of this and kindred schools, and that certificates of qualification were granted to their teachers, we feel the force of the half of Pope's saying, "To err is human —," and acknowledge its application to ourself as well as them.

Second term, 6 weeks, taught by Mr. Nath'l S. Gale. Wages, \$26. Whole number 17; average, 14. Mr. Gale is a well known and efficient teacher, and accomplished all in this school that could have been accomplished in so short a term. Good order is indispensable with him, and thoroughness his principal forte.

Here are some very good scholars, and a recitation in History, by a little girl of eight years, was the best to which we have listened. Some here, as in many of our best schools, prematurely graduated, and left the school, for the school's good.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term, 6 weeks; Autumn term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Addie L. Paige. School money, \$28.81. Number of scholars, 13; average, 11. Wages of teacher, exclusive of board, \$8 per month.

With a small school of small scholars, and little or no experience, this teacher succeeded as well as the majority do, in her circumstances.(?) The scholars seemed interested in the school, and learned quite well. Singing was an interesting exercise.

It is presumed that the district were pleased with the Summer school, and satisfied with the teacher, else they would not have employed her for the second term. The report was not properly kept.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Mary L. Morrill, of Upper Gilmanton. School order, \$43.45. Wages, \$10. Number of scholars, 11; average, 10.

The school, though small, was interesting, and the advancement noteworthy. Very good order was sustained, and the exercises of the school were conducted with regularity and precision. Miss Morrill is a good scholar and deserves employment in our district schools.

Second term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah J. Howe, of North Sanbornton. Wages, \$10. Number of scholars, 11; average, 10.

This was Miss Howe's first school. Her knowledge of the books pursued was adequate, but she was somewhat deficient in the elements of thoroughness and government. The order of the school was not commendable, and but little was accomplished.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term, 16 weeks, taught by Miss Martha A. Gilman. Order, \$165.48. Wages, \$16. Different scholars, 51; average, 35½.

An efficient, faithful, and interested teacher. Those scholars who attended constantly, applied themselves earnestly, and carefully observed

the rules of the school, made all the improvement that could reasonably be expected. Good attention was given to the elementary principles, with a good degree of thoroughness. Singing was an agreeable and profitable exercise. As a whole, the school evinced much activity and industry in the exercises of the examination, and the scholars were cheerful, mannerly, and interested. In conclusion, we think we may safely say that Miss Gilman gave general satisfaction.

Winter term, 12 weeks, taught by Mr. Maurice B. Blake. Compensation, \$28 per month. Whole number of scholars, 48; average, 31½. Instances of tardiness, 275; dismissals, 270.

The teacher remarks: "There is nothing which especially requires mention. The school has been quiet and uniform in its progress. Deficiency exists in the matter of punctuality, and I cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that there is not sufficient attention given to this point by parents in the district." Mr. Blake possesses the knowledge requisite to prosperity in the school-room, and his labors and success here, were, doubtless, duly appreciated. We think, however, that more vivacity on the part of the teacher, more perseverance on the part of the scholars, and more interest in the school on the part of the public spirited citizens of the village, would have materially enhanced the value of the schools.

DISTRICT No. 10.

One term only, of 17½ weeks, taught by Miss Mary L. Rogers. School money, \$52.83. Wages, \$12. Number of scholars, 14; average, 9.

This was Miss Rogers' second term in this district. When visited, at the beginning, the scholars were interested and industrious, and appeared to be awake to their duties. The drifted roads prevented an examination at the close, but, as far as we can judge, the aim of the teacher was thoroughness; and since she has, in a good degree, the faculty of imparting instruction in a systematic manner, we believe there are sufficient reasons for saying, that the district had a good teacher, and a good school. She says in her report: "It was my aim to labor for the highest interest of my pupils, and I had the hearty co-operation of the parents. As far as I could learn the term was satisfactory to all.

DISTRICT No. 11.

No Summer school. Winter school, 12½ weeks, taught by Miss Mary H. Chadbourne, of Lexington, Mass. School order, \$49.59. Wages, \$15.60. Number of scholars, 18; average, 17.

Though unacquainted with our school system, and without experience as an instructress, Miss C. assumed the duties of teacher of this school,

yet by dint of energy, devotion to the interests of her pupils, and conscientious endeavors to do the best she could, her efforts were crowned with abundant success, and duly appreciated by scholars and parents. The order was good, the advancement satisfactory, the examinations interesting and creditable. As a fitting testimonial of their thankfulness and esteem, the scholars presented their teacher with a beautiful bible.

The teacher remarks: "I have noticed, with pleasure, the kindly feelings existing among the scholars, one toward another, and, I may add toward their teacher, also. Honesty is another excellent trait of their character. I have endeavored to secure good discipline, by inciting the ambition and self-respect of the scholars. I have preferred to work with, and "lead" them, rather than "drive" them. Throughout the term, there has been manifested a desirable interest in study, and, generally, a cheerful observance of the laws of the school. Having done what I could, I can review the past without useless regrets."

DISTRICT No. 12.

First term, 9 weeks; taught by Miss Emma H. Hill. \$76.37; \$13; 23; 18. The fine scholarship of this teacher, and the facility and aptness with which she explains and illustrates every principle, whether easy or more difficult, render her a most desirable instructress. If all teachers would make that direct application of the rules and principles, as they are learned, which was made by this teacher, there would be fewer superficial scholars, and more sound, practical knowledge.

We can designate no branch in which rapid and thorough progress was not made by those who had worthy motives, were studious in their habits, and careful to observe a proper deportment and the requirements of the teacher.

Second term, 10 weeks; taught by Miss Carrie E. Foster, of Canterbury. Wages, \$18. Number of scholars, 25; average, 22. Miss Foster has had but little experience in the art of teaching, but she possesses the requisite knowledge, and, in a good degree, the essential characteristics of the successful teacher. She labored arduously for the improvement of her pupils, but to little purpose to some who chose not to comply with the proper and legitimate regulations of the school. She has the satisfaction, however, of knowing that her efforts are duly appreciated by the great majority of the parents and pupils, by her employer, and the writer. The term was highly valuable to such as were well disposed.

There are some excellent scholars, and a class of the best readers in town.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer term, 7 weeks—Winter term, ten weeks, taught by Miss Ma-

ry P. Price. Amount of school order, \$51.07. Wages, \$13; \$22; \$18 first term; \$14.50; 30; 22, second term.

The habits of the pupils at the beginning of this term, were of a nature to require a person of great skill and energy to put them in a condition to learn, and become attentive and careful scholars. Miss Price is well known as a competent teacher, and has had much successful experience in the schools of our town. She possesses all the mental qualifications necessary for the proper discharge of her duties, and, doubtless, in this instance, labored hard to overcome the many difficulties connected with this school, and to promote the best interests of those who were under her care. But in spite of herself and all her efforts, the school was disorderly, and made but little improvement. Something, however, was accomplished by those pupils who were well disposed, and have sufficient mental powers to enable them to learn under adverse circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer school, seven weeks; taught by Miss Annie Winslow, of London. School order, \$40.22. Wages, not reported. Number of pupils, 10; average, 8.

This school, though small, contains intellectual material sufficient to interest a good teacher. We were unable to discover here many of the beauties which are the invariable fruits of the best instruction. In some of our schools the recitations are given in so low a tone as to be scarcely audible; this, however, was not a fault here—but the one extreme is no better than the other. The teacher did, perhaps, all that she could for the benefit of her school, being young and without experience. It is a mark of wisdom for a person to refrain from engaging in the onerous duties of teaching until special preparation is made.

Winter school, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Fannie A. Prescott, of London. Number of scholars, 23; average, 14. Teacher inexperienced, but active, and apparently well qualified for her position. Good progress was made by all the scholars. Order satisfactory, and secured in a pleasant manner. We are confident that this term was one of profit.

DISTRICT No. 15.

First term, 8 weeks; taught by Miss Charlotte P. Robey, of Chichester. School money, \$50.44. Wages, \$13. Number of pupils, 16; average 15.

A good degree of prosperity attended this term, and the scholars made fair improvement. The teacher appeared to be suitably qualified, and labored constantly for the good of her school, but perhaps a little more energy would have added to the value of her services.

Second term, 4 weeks ; taught by Mr. H. Artemas Gilman. \$30 ; 15 ; 13.

This term was so short it was almost impossible for any prominent feature to become fully developed ; yet, by the attentive appreciation of the scholars, and the zealous efforts of the teacher, much was accomplished. Order good, instruction thorough and systematic.

DISTRICT No. 16.

First term, 7 weeks ; taught by Miss Mary A. Dudley. \$57.56 ; \$10 ; 17 ; 15.

These were the teacher's first efforts, but unlike too many just beginning to teach, she met with good success. She possesses many excellent traits for teaching, and with a little more experience will become an efficient instructress. The appearance of the school was good and the progress pleasing.

Second term, 10 weeks ; taught by Miss Luara A. Gale. Wages, \$18. 22 ; 20.

Of this school we need only say that the teacher was as successful in this, as in any of her previous terms in this district. As heretofore, entire satisfaction was given and much practical advancement made. Her methods of instruction are models of excellence.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Miss Edna A. Bean, teacher of both the summer and winter terms. Amount of school order, \$41.28.

The last was the fourth consecutive term that Miss Bean has taught in this district, and as far as we can learn, to the general satisfaction of parents and pupils. We visited the school twice, only, during the year—at the beginning of each term. At each of those visits the condition of the school was certainly indicative of valuable results, which we suppose were realized. The summer term was interrupted by the sickness of some of the scholars, and was not kept its full length.

We had no notice of the close of the winter term, therefore cannot report its progress. The Prudential Committee remarks, in a letter : "The summer term was, in my opinion, as good as either term the previous year. The winter term gave very good satisfaction, and I think was as good, if not the best school that Miss Bean has taught in this district."

DISTRICT No. 18.

Summer term, 12 weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Gale. School order,

\$143.52. Wages, \$12.00. Number of scholars, 65; average attendance, 50; instances of tardiness, 418; dismissal, 4.

Good order, good attention, and good progress were the distinguishing features of this school. The numerous visitors present at the closing examination will sustain us, doubtless, in this assertion.

Here are some of the best readers, grammarians, and geographers in the town. The large number of scholars, and the small size of most of them, render the labors of the teacher peculiarly arduous and trying; but Miss Gale, who is deservedly popular as a teacher, was equal to all the emergencies, and the school was one of unusual merit.

Winter term, 10 weeks, taught by Mr. Asa J. Garland. Wages, \$34.00; number of scholars, 73; average, 62.

Whoever is acquainted with the present condition of this school, cannot fail to recognize the fact that its exigencies are great, and the labors of the teacher, however efficient and faithful, exceedingly trying and onerous, even with the actual support and co-operation of the entire district.

Being thoroughly qualified therefor, Mr. Garland assumed the position of teacher of this term, with a determination to do his whole duty. He succeeded well for a while, with the most encouraging prospects of the future, and the school was one of unusual interest and value; of which the County Commissioner remarked, near the close of his circuit, "I have spent the most of the day in this school, and I find it the best I have visited in the County." But, regardless of these auspicious circumstances, that detestable and chronic refusal, of some, to sustain the teacher in his efforts to properly govern and instruct the school, was insisted upon, to their own dishonor, and the great injury of all concerned. In spite of this dastardliness, the school was profitable to the well disposed, and good improvement was made; yet, with the hearty support of all, the final result would have been much more gratifying. But the most scoundrelly meanness of all — a perfidious requital of the faithful efforts of the teacher, the second time enacted in this district — was the unjust action brought against the teacher, by unscrupulous complainants, whereby nearly half of his winter's earnings were lost. The whole amount, however, was refunded to the teacher by voluntary subscriptions by the members of the district, 49 contributing, and four refusing to do so. We suspect, however, that some who were accessory to the attempts to injure the school and teacher, subscribed to the paper for public sentiment's sake, merely.

We would only say, in conclusion, that if there is a teacher in this region, who, having been energetic and faithful, straightway desireth to be grossly imposed upon by the scholars and parents, and eventually arrested and fined for efficient services in the school room, we advise him to engage the winter school in district No. 18.

The foregoing is a careful statement of the operation and progress of our schools during the year. In making observations and suggestions, by way of general remarks, we shall be very brief. It would be impossible to enter upon any new grounds, or present views which have not been frequently urged with zeal, and ability, by the ablest minds in the country. Every species of argument and illustration has been used to convince the people of the magnitude of the interests of our common schools, and the necessity of unremitting care that these interests do not suffer. Hence, their reiteration is uncalled for, yet there are a few points, of a local nature, which claim our attention. If, in the majority of instances, the progress has been commensurate with the contributory interests, it can not be denied that some districts have failed to realize the benefits which should result from their schools. It needs no argument to convince an attentive observer that our schools are not what they ought to be. But where is the difficulty? While in many cases it is owing to a lack of parental co-operation, we are not disposed to attribute it solely, or mainly, to this cause, but would impute a just proportion of the deficiency to teachers. In our opinion, there is a deplorable want of definite, practical system, with a large class of our teachers — such a system as can only be successfully acquired and adopted by special study and preparation, or by adequate attendance on a well conducted Institute or Normal school. Our young teachers, especially, need the training which these means afford.

The Superintending Committee is expected to grant no certificates except for suitable qualifications, and in no case should he do otherwise. But, when the teacher makes no application for one, nor gives any opportunity for an examination until the school has begun, (which has been the case in several instances,) is it reasonable to expect this? In such cases, it cannot be that the committee is amenable to the law which expressly declares that no teacher shall commence a public school without being able to produce a certificate from the Superintending Committee.

It is the duty of the Prudential Committee to see that his employee is duly presented, examined and approved before the school begins. The examination of teachers, is a matter that has not received the attention it deserves. You should demand that your teachers be thoroughly examined, and that, too, before the public. This is customary in other professions; why should the teacher of a public school be an exception? The teacher who is too busy, too nervous, too sensitive, too timid, or too ignorant, to present herself at the public examination, is not fit to manage a school, and ought not to be employed.

We would close this report by alluding to the fact that our town presents a proud history, in respect to her common schools and academy.

It has ever been the nursery of that popular education which is so closely connected with all the great interests of humanity, and which has done more for the salvation of our country and the discomfiture of its enemies than all the bayonets, bullets and bombs combined. If we desire to perpetuate this history, and secure an equally glorious unwritten one, we shall continue a liberal support of our common schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. HATCH, *Superintending Committee of Schools.*







